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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Co-operation (B) Department

ORDER

G.O.(P)No.158/2025/Co op *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 13th November, 2025*
27th Thulam, 1201

S. R. O. No. 1306/2025

WHEREAS, under sub-section (1) of section 28 or sub-section (3) of section 88 or sub-section (6) of section 89 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), as the case may be, the general body of a society shall constitute a committee for a period of five years in accordance with the bye-laws and entrust the management of the affairs of the Co-

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operative Society, the Circle Co-operative Unions and the State Co-operative Union respectively to such Committee;

AND WHEREAS, rule 35A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969 prescribes the procedure regarding conduct of election to the committee of societies by the State Co-operative Election Commission, Rule 129 of Kerala Co-operative Societies Rule, 1969 prescribes the procedure regarding conduct of elections to the committee of Circle Co-operative Unions and Rule 151 of Kerala Co-operative Societies Rule, 1969 prescribes the procedure regarding conduct of elections to the Committee of State Co-operative Unions and by virtue of the said rule, it is the duty of the officers of the Co-operation Department to make arrangements for a free and fair election to the Co-operative Society;

AND WHEREAS, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has reported that in view of the General Election to the Local Bodies in the State, it may not be possible for the officers of the Co-operative Department of the State, to function as Electoral Officers and Returning Officers to conduct election to the committee of Co-operative Societies, Circle Co-operative Unions and State Co-operative Union, as provided in rule 35A, 129 and 151 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969, as they have to attend the duties in connection with the general election and has requested to extend the term of the committee of the Co-operative Societies, Circle Co-operative Union and State Co-operative Union where election are due for a period upto 90 days;

AND WHEREAS, the Government are of the opinion that in the context of the general election to the Local Bodies in the State as regards the State of Kerala is concerned, the members of the Co-operative Societies, Circle Co-operative Unions and State Co-operative Union are not in a position to participate in the election and the department officers are not in a position to function as Electoral Officers and Returning Officers and to conduct elections

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to the committee of Co-operative Societies as provided in rule 35A, 129 and 151 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rule, 1969:

AND WHEREAS, the Government is convinced that in the said circumstances there would be practical difficulty to conduct elections in Co-operative Societies, Circle Co-operative Unions and State Co-operative Union as provided under rule 35A, 129 and 151 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969;

AND WHEREAS, the Government have considered the matter in detail and are satisfied that for the administrative convenience and in public interest, it is necessary to extend the term of the Committees of the Co-operative Societies except Kerala State Co operative Bank, Circle Co-operative Unions and State Co-operative Union where election are due for the period from 10-11-2025 to 07-02-2026 or where the election process has already been started, the Co-operative Election Commission will initiate steps to conduct elections to Societies those term expired after 07-02-2026;

AND WHEREAS wherever there is specific direction of Hon'ble High Court to conduct election, the matter may be brought to the notice of the Hon'ble High Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 101 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), the Government of Kerala hereby direct that the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 28 of the said Act, shall apply to all Co-operative Societies except, Kerala State Co operative Bank, sub-section (3) of section 88 shall apply to all Circle Co-operative Union and sub-section (6) of section 89 shall apply to State Co-operative Union where election are due for a period from 10-11-2025 to 07-02-2026 or where the process of elections have already been started but not been completed with the modification of substituting the words “five years and 90 days" for the words "five years", the co-operative election commission

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take steps for conducting election in the case of the societies after 07-02-2026 as per the provisions of Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969.

(By order of the Governor)

DR.VEENA N.MADHAVAN

SPECIAL SECRETARY

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

It is the duty of the Officers of the Co-operation Department under rule 35A,129 and 151 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969 to arrange for the conduct of free and fair election to the Co-operative Societies, Circle Co-operative Unions and State Co-operative Union. Since the officers of the Co-operation Department will be engaged as the Electoral/Returning Officers for conducting election to the Local Bodies scheduled on 09-12-2025 and 11-12-2025, their services may not be readily available for conducting election to the Co-operative Societies, Circle Co-operative Union and State Co-operative Union. Therefore, the Government have considered the matter in detail and are of the view that it is necessary in public interest, to extend the term of Committee of the Co-operative Societies except Kerala State Co operative Bank, Circle Co-operative Union and State Co-operative Union in the State for a period of 90 days from 10.11.2025 to 07.02.2026 in respect of those Societies and Co-operative Union where election to Committees are due or where the election process has already started, but not been completed on conditions that wherever there is a specific direction of the Hon'ble High Court to conduct election, the matter shall be brought to the notice of the

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Hon'ble High Court. This is for avoiding administrative vacuum in the said Co-operative Societies and Co-operative Unions.

This order is intended to achieve the above object.

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